



**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

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DI 1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:  
a liquid pervious topsheet,  
a liquid impervious backsheet,  
an absorbent body enclosed therebetween,  
~~at least one strip having a color or tint different than the backsheet, and~~  
the liquid-impervious backsheet comprising a strip part and a remaining part, the  
strip part being an integral part of the backsheet, the strip part having a different colour or  
tint than the remaining part of the backsheet, and

a wetness indicator arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet,  
wherein the wetness indicator is applied on or adjacent the strip.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The An~~ absorbent article ~~as claimed in claim 1, wherein the~~  
~~strip is a differently colored or tinted part of the backsheet itself comprising:~~  
a liquid pervious topsheet;  
a liquid impervious backsheet;  
an absorbent body enclosed therebetween;  
a separate strip of material fastened on the inside of the backsheet, the strip having a  
different colour or tint than the backsheet; and

a plurality of wetness indicators arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet, wherein the wetness indicators are applied on or adjacent the strip.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip is a differently colored or tinted part of the backsheet itself~~ An absorbent article comprising:

a liquid pervious topsheet,

a liquid impervious backsheet,

an absorbent body enclosed therebetween,

DI a separate strip of material fastened on an inside of the backsheet, the strip having a different colour or tint than the backsheet, and

a wetness indicator applied to the inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet, the wetness indicator being applied adjacent to the strip in an area of the backsheet not covered by the strip.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the colour or tint of the strip is an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article~~ An absorbent article comprising:

a liquid pervious topsheet,

a liquid impervious backsheet,

an absorbent body enclosed therebetween,

the liquid-impervious backsheet comprising a strip having a different colour or tint than a remaining part of the backsheet, and

a wetness indicator arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet,

wherein the wetness indicator is applied on or adjacent the strip,

wherein the colour or tint of the strip is an indication of the size or total absorption capacity of the absorbent article.

5. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, the article having a length in a longitudinal direction, the strip extending in the longitudinal direction of the article over an entire length or at least an essential part of the length of the article.

D 1 6. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip extends in a transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line for a folded packaging position of the article.

7. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip has a width between 1 and 8 cm.

8. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:  
printed symbols or codes on or adjacent the strip, the printed symbols or codes being an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

9. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper or an incontinence guard.

10. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip is between 2 and 7 cm in width.

11. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip is between 3 and 6 cm in width.

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17. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wetness indicator is disposed on the strip.

18. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wetness indicator is disposed on the remaining part of the backsheet.

19. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, the article having a length in a longitudinal direction, the strip extending in the longitudinal direction of the article over an entire length or at least an essential part of the length of the article.

20. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip extends in a transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line for a folded packaging position of the article.

21. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip has a width between 1 and 8 cm.

22. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

printed symbols or codes on or adjacent the strip, the printed symbols or codes being an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

23. (New) An absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper or an incontinence guard.

24. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip is between 2 and 7 cm in width.

25. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip is between 3 and 6 cm in width.

26. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the wetness indicator is disposed on the strip.

27. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the wetness indicator is disposed on the area of the backsheet not covered by the strip.

DI 28. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 3, the article having a length in a longitudinal direction, the strip extending in the longitudinal direction of the article over an entire length or at least an essential part of the length of the article.

29. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 3, wherein the strip extends in a transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line for a folded packaging position of the article.

30. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 3, wherein the strip has a width between 1 and 8 cm.

31. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

printed symbols or codes on or adjacent the strip, the printed symbols or codes being an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

32. (New) An absorbent article as claimed in claim 3, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper or an incontinence guard.

33. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 3, wherein the strip is between 2 and 7 cm in width.

34. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 3, wherein the strip is between 3 and 6 cm in width.

DI 35. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 4, the article having a length in a longitudinal direction, the strip extending in the longitudinal direction of the article over an entire length or at least an essential part of the length of the article.

36. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 4, wherein the strip extends in a transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line for a folded packaging position of the article.

37. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 4, wherein the strip has a width between 1 and 8 cm.

38. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:

printed symbols or codes on or adjacent the strip, the printed symbols or codes being an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

39. (New) An absorbent article as claimed in claim 4, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper or an incontinence guard.

40. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 4, wherein the strip is between 2 and 7 cm in width.

DI 41. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 4, wherein the strip is between 3 and 6 cm in width.

42. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 4, wherein the wetness indicator is disposed on the strip.

43. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 4, wherein the wetness indicator is disposed on the remaining part of the backsheet.

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